

REMARKS

Claims 2-7, 9, 10, 12, and 13 are pending in the instant application. Claims 6, 7, 9, and 10 are amended herein. No new matter is added by the amendments, which are supported throughout the specification and figures. In particular, the amendments to claims 6, 7, 9, and 10 are supported at least in the specification at page 10, lines 8-12, and figure 15. Applicants submit that the amendments do not necessitate additional search, place the claims in condition for allowance, and/or reduce the issues on appeal, and therefore it is respectfully requested that the amendments be entered. In view of the amendments and the following remarks, favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the assistance of the Examiner in the teleconference occurring on or about August 20, 2007, in which the Examiner indicated that claim 10 and not claim 9 should have been objected to as depending from a rejected base claim.

Applicants note with appreciation that the Examiner continues to acknowledge that claim 2-5, 12, and 13 are allowable.

Claims 6 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicants respectfully traverse.

The Office Action asserts that claims disagree with the disclosure, and in particular figure 15 and dependent claims 7 and 10. In the interest of expediting prosecution, Applicants herein amend claims 6, 7, 9, and 10 to clarify the subject matter recited therein. The amended claims are supported in figure 15 and the accompanying description, which states in part that:

a tilt detection circuit detects the tilt between the optical disk medium and the optical head. A tilt control circuit calculates the average in each single round of 360 degree and the estimated tilt for a data region without the tilt detection area and sends a control signal to a tilt driving circuit. The tilt driving circuit is responsive

to the control signal and drives a tilt mechanism formed at the optical head 17 or the like.

(Published Specification; paragraph 0109). It is respectfully submitted that the amended claims are allowable.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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